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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006. Claims 21 to 48 are in the application, of which Claims 21, 25, 31, 35, 41 and 45 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action entered a rejection of all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,140,349 (Abe). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

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